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IN THE UNITE**S STA**TES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

In re Application of

Koichiro MIZUSHIMA et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONCURRENTLY ESTIMATING RESPECTIVE DIRECTIONS OF A PLURALITY OF SOUND SOURCES AND FOR MONITORING INDIVIDUAL SOUND LEVELS OF RESPECTIVE MOVING SOUND SOURCES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The references noted on accompanying form PTO 1449 were first cited in a search report dated June 12, 2002 in a corresponding foreign application filed in Singapore, which identifies the relevance thereof. As noted therein, each reference was considered as being of category "A", defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance. A copy of

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the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's consideration of the relevance of the cited art.

Having thus complied with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1)-(3), it is respectfully submitted that consideration of the instant Information Disclosure Statement is in order and the same is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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